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Michael Friedman, M.D., Commissioner
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Re: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Mr. Friedman,

Downed animals (animals so diseased or badly injured that they cannot even walk) suffer horrendous cruelty and neglect at livestock markets across the country. Downed animals commonly lie in alleyways, without food, water, or veterinary care, until it's convenient to take them to slaughter, usually the next day. Thousands die slowly from neglect before ever reaching the slaughterhouse. Besides causing intolerable animal suffering, the slaughter of downed animals poses a threat to human health.

Please, I urge you to ban the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

Sincerely,



Edward Klein

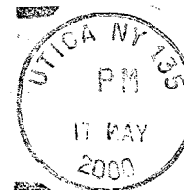
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